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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims presented in the application.

Claim 1 (Currently amended): An interlabial pad comprising:

an absorbent body for absorbing liquid; and

a cover body for covering the absorbent body in an enclosing manner, the cover body comprising

a surface side sheet having a permeable property for liquid and a back-face side sheet having an impermeable property against liquid;

a plurality of sheet pieces forming a back face side sheet and including a sheet piece having one end that overlaps another sheet piece;

an absorbent body for absorbing liquid and enclosed between the surface side sheet and the back face side sheet; and

at least one seam part formed by overlapping the plurality of sheet pieces over one another, the seam part including

a longitudinal seam part extending in a longitudinal direction of the interlabial pad, crossing over the back side sheet from an edge to another edge of the back face side sheet, and

an adhesive agent applied between the sheet piece and the another sheet piece at the longitudinal seam part along the longitudinal central line,

wherein the sheet piece, which overlaps the another sheet piece at the longitudinal seam part and which covers a side closer to a longitudinal central line of the interlabial pad, is positioned at

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the absorbent body side of the back side sheet, the cover body is provided with at least one parting

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zone that is parted by actions of water for separating the back face side sheet into a plurality of

small sheet pieces after the interlabial pad is discarded in a toilet,

wherein the sheet pieces overlap with each other over a range of 5 to 15 mm to form the

longitudinal seam part, and

wherein the surface side sheet and the back face side sheet are joined at a peripheral edge of

the absorbent body, and

wherein the at least one parting zone crosses over the back face side sheet from an edge to

another edge of the back face side sheet.

Claims 2-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently amended): The interlabial pad according to Claim [[3]]1;

wherein the seam part is a lateral seam part extending in a lateral direction of the interlabial

pad; and

a sheet piece, which overlaps the other another sheet piece at the lateral seam part and covers

a side that becomes a dorsal side when the interlabial pad is fitted between labia, is positioned at the

absorbent body side.

Claim 7 (Currently amended): The interlabial pad according to Claim [[3]]1;

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wherein the seam parts contain [[a]] the longitudinal seam part extending in the longitudinal

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direction of the interlabial pad and a lateral seam part extending in the lateral direction of the

interlabial pad; and

wherein a sheet piece which overlaps the other sheet piece at the longitudinal seam part and

covers a side closer to a longitudinal central line of the interlabial pad is positioned at the absorbent

body side; and a sheet piece, which overlaps the other another sheet piece at the lateral seam part

and covers a side that becomes a dorsal side when the interlabial pad is fitted between labia, is

positioned at the absorbent body side.

Claim 8 (Previously presented): The interlabial pad according to Claim 1;

wherein the back face side sheet is equipped with a mini-sheet piece on a surface at a side

opposite to the absorbent body side.

Claim 9 (Previously presented): The interlabial pad according to Claim 8;

wherein the back face side sheet is made uneven at least at the surface opposite to the

absorbent body side.

Claim 10 (Previously presented): A packaging body for individually packaging an

interlabial pad, comprising:

a packaging sheet; and

an interlabial pad according to claim 1;

wherein the interlabial pad is covered by the packaging sheet; and

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wherein the packaging sheet is provided with a continuous or discontinuous parting zone

that is parted by actions of water, along which the packaging sheet is separated into a plurality of

small sheet pieces after the packaging sheet is discarded in a toilet.

Claim 11 (Original): The packaging body for individual package of interlabial pad

according to Claim 10;

wherein the packaging sheet is a liquid impermeable sheet with an impermeable property

against liquid.

Claim 12 (Currently amended): The interlabial pad according to Claim 8;

wherein [[the]] at least one parting zone is formed with the [[a]] seam part formed by

overlapping the plurality of [[small]] sheet pieces over one another.

Claims 13-19 (Canceled).

Claim 20 (Currently amended): The interlabial pad according to Claim [[3]] 1;

wherein the back face side sheet is made uneven at least at the surface opposite to the

absorbent body side.

Claims 21 and 22 (Canceled).

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Claim 23 (New): The interlabial pad according to claim 1, further comprising a folded

portion at which the other sheet piece is folded,

wherein the sheet piece and the other sheet piece is attached when the interlabial pad is

folded in two during use, the other sheet piece being folded inwardly, the end of the sheet piece

overlapping the other sheet piece at the folded portion.

Claim 24 (New): The interlabial pad according to claim 1,

wherein the back sheet has two sheet pieces including the sheet piece and the other sheet

Claim 25 (New): The interlabial pad according to claim 1,

wherein the adhesive agent is applied in any one of wave-form, Ω -form, spiral form, line-

form, dotted form.

Claim 26 (New): The interlabial pad according to claim 1,

wherein the adhesive agent is applied in the range of 1 to 20g/M².

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